

Mahoning County Mental Health and Recovery Board Meeting  
June 26, 2017  
Minutes

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**Present:** Marilyn Burns, Anne Cobbin, Rocco DiGennaro, Atty. Wm. Scott Fowler, Bill Gambrel, Chief Bob Gavalier, Anna Howells, Bishop C.M. Jenkins, Anne Lally, Edgar Manning, Sue Paluga, Patricia Sciarretta, Eric Ungaro, Thomas Vasvari, and Linda Warino

**Absent:** James Bertrando, Ken Cooper, and Ruth Mastriana

**Staff:** Duane Piccirilli, Brenda Heidinger, Bill Carbonell, Mark Dunlap, Marla Ogan, and Aimee Schweers

**Guests:** Joe Caruso, Compass Family and Community Services, Angela DiVito, Coalition for a Drug Free Mahoning County (DFMC), Darla Gallagher, Meridian HealthCare, Cathy Grizinski, Help Network of Northeast Ohio, Hope Haney, NAMI, Katherine Komara, Mercy Health, Joe Shorokey, Alta Behavioral Services, Nancy Voitus, Catholic Charities Regional Agency, and Barbara Yates, Turning Point Counseling

Edgar Manning called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

**77 – 2017: Motion: Eric Ungaro – to approve the minutes of the May 22, 2017 MCMHRB meeting. Seconded: Sue Paluga...motion carried.**

**A. Chair Report**

- Edgar Manning, Chair, announced that this was his last meeting as Chair and thanked the Board members for their support and dedication.

**B. Treasurer Report**

- Bill Gambrel, Treasurer, reviewed the Balance General Ledger report for May Mahoning County MHR Board in the amount of \$7,012,837.61

**78 – 2017: Motion: Bill Gambrel – to approve the May 2017 Treasurer's Report. Seconded: Atty. Wm. Scott Fowler...motion carried.**

- Approve blanket list of bills for May 2017

**79 – 2017: Motion: Bishop C. M. Jenkins – to approve the blanket list of bills for May 2017. Seconded: Bill Gambrel...motion carried.**

**Committee Reports**

- **Executive Committee (June 19, 2017)**
  - Nominations for Executive Committee were discussed

**80 – 2017: Motion: Patricia Sciarretta – to approve the slate of Officers and Executive Committee Members-at-Large; Chair, Atty. Wm. Scott Fowler; Vice-Chair, Anne Lally; Treasurer, Eric Ungaro, Secretary; Linda Warino; Members-at-Large, Sue Paluga, William Gambrel, and Edgar Manning. Seconded: Eric Ungaro...motion carried.**

- Discussion of the Performance Improvement Plan (attached)

**81 – 2017: Motion: Anne Cobbin – to accept the Performance Improvement Plan.  
Seconded: Atty. Wm. Scott Fowler...motion carried.**

- Update of Status of Contract Agencies

**82 - 2017: Motion: Linda Warino – to contract with Catholic Charities Regional Agency for Rescue Mission services, Mercy Health to expand pre-screening, Alta Behavioral Health for FIRST Program, and Compass Family and Community Services for core services.  
Seconded: Atty. Wm. Scott Fowler...motion carried.**

#### **Executive Director Report**

- Senator Sherrod Brown's visit – Round table discussion with Senator Brown that included treatment agencies regarding effect of repealing AHCA on addiction treatment
- Budget overview
- Strong Families Safe Communities Grant Proposal
- CIT Police Officers Training
- Board Training to be held August 28<sup>th</sup> on new ASAM criteria and language, as well as, medication assisted treatment
- Youngstown Development Center

#### **Unfinished Business**

- None

#### **New Business**

- Updated Health Officers List (attached)

**83 – 2017: Motion: Atty. Wm. Scott Fowler – to approve the updated Health Officers List effective July 1, 2017, with the exception of Julie Strozier, effective July 17, 2017. Health Officers from Turning Point Counseling, except for Wendy Laurenzi, who will be employed by Compass as of July 1, 2017, will no longer be approved. Seconded: Bishop C. M. Jenkins...motion carried.**

#### **Board Member Remarks**

- Atty. Wm. Scott Fowler thanked Edgar Manning for his service as Chair

#### **Provider Remarks**

Darla Gallagher, Meridian HealthCare

- Setting a group meeting with interested parties regarding YDC
- July 31, 2017 at 11:30 a.m. is ribbon cutting at Commons at Madison; already have 88 applicants for 40 units; hope to have them filled by end of August

Cathy Grizinski, Help Network of Northeast Ohio

- Help Hotline is now Help Network of Northeast Ohio

Joe Caruso, Compass Family & Community Services

- Commons at Madison is phenomenal and going to provide great housing

Joe Shorokey, Alta Behavioral Health

- July 9, 2017 Mixer at Lake Club will honor Judge Dellick with Crystal Heart award
- July 10, 2017 golf outing
- Grant through Western Reserve Health Foundation to support the HUB to reduce infant mortality
- Vince Paolucci hired to be manager of Project Development

Barbara Yates, Turning Point Counseling

- Stated that Turning Point is in transition

Angela DiVito, DFMC

- Summer training series is underway
- August 10, 2017 Symposium on Overdose Grief and Healing

Kathy Komara, Mercy

- SBIRT in emergency room; 79 positive screens have been referred for treatment
- July 10, 2017 Meds to Beds program in psychiatric unit to ensure patients leave with medication and understand any co-pays or limits

Hope Haney, NAMI


- New connections group meeting two times per month
- Presenting at CIT trainings for federal prison employees, as well as, Mahoning and Trumbull trainings
- September 16, 2017 NAMI Walk

Nancy Voitus, Catholic Charities Regional Agency


- Thanked Board for their support for Rescue Mission services
- New program that is matching donated furniture with persons moving into housing

The meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

Minutes reported by:

  
Sue Paluga  
Secretary

Minutes recorded by:

  
Aimee Schweers  
Administrative Assistant/Prevention Trainer